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Pilot plant for rayon.

* 1421 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a pilot plant for the manufacture of rayon grade pulp in the Nilgiris;

(*b*) the number of acres where eucalyptus would be grown for this purpose; and

(*c*) the amount that would be spent for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.
" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அங்கு ஏராளமாக மூங்கில் கிடைப்பதை யொட்டியும், வேறு பல மரங்கள் கிடைப்பதாலும் அங்கே **rayon grade pulp** தொழிற்சாலை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மூங்கிலைவிட (வாட்டில) ஆவார மரங்கள் நிறைய இருக்கின்றன. அதனால் அங்கு ஒரு காகிதத் தொழிற்சாலையை ஏற்படுத்தலாமா என்ற யோசனையை அரசாங்கம் பரிசீலனை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, rayon industry is a flourishing industry in Japan and America and those countries are making huge profits. May I know whether the Government are considering the establishment of a plant in our State in view of the fact that the necessary materials are available here? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have just now said that Government are examining a proposal to start a paper factory in Nilgiris utilizing the pulp that would be available from the raw materials of blue gum and wattle-wood trees."

9 a.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Since rayon sarees are cheap for the purse, pretty for the eye and soft and light for the wearer, will the Government encourage their production to prop up the broken appearance of many ladies disfiguring the streets of Madras City, Sir? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I must admit that I am not so poetic as the hon. Member and, therefore, I am not able to appreciate what all the hon. Member has stated."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that raw materials required for the manufacture of rayon are available in plenty in the district of Malabar, and in view also of the fact that we have got the example of the neighbouring State—Travancore-Cochin State—who have set up a big plant for the manufacture of rayon grade pulp, may I know whether the Government, if they decide to set up a plant for the manufacture of rayon **grade pulp** would locate the factory in Malabar? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, the Government will examine that also."

Admission fee to the Zoo in Madras.

* 1422 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government sanctioned the increase from one anna to four annas per adult of the admission fee to visit the Zoo at Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir. Outside sanction is not required in regard to the rates of admission fee that may be fixed by the Corporation.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know whether the Government will give any concession in the case of newly married couples visiting the Zoo? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We shall consult the hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan with regard to the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the increase in the rate of the admission fee to visit the Zoo was made by the contractor who had taken the contract from the Corporation of Madras and that the Corporation of Madras was not responsible for the increased rates of admission? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It is within the power of the Corporation of Madras to increase the rate of admission. Probably it is within their discretion that they have acted."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மிருகக் காட்சி சாலையில் ஜனங்களை அனுமதிப்பதற்கு பம்பாய் கார்ப்பரேஷன் கட்டணம் வசூலிப்பது கிடையாது. இனாமாகவே அனுமதிக்கிறார்கள். அதேமாதிரி இந்த சர்க்காரும் கார்ப்பரேஷனுக்கு உத்தரவனுப்பி ஜனங்களிடமிருந்து கட்டணம் வசூலிக்காமலிருப்பதற்கு யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We will examine that also."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, the Zoo at Madras is resorted to not only by the people of this State but by visitors from other States also. Admission to the Zoo was once allowed freely. I understand that the Corporation has leased out the right of admission to a private contractor. May I know whether the Government will take steps to see that this system of leasing is abolished and that all people are allowed to visit the Zoo without payment of any fees? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We will examine the whole issue."